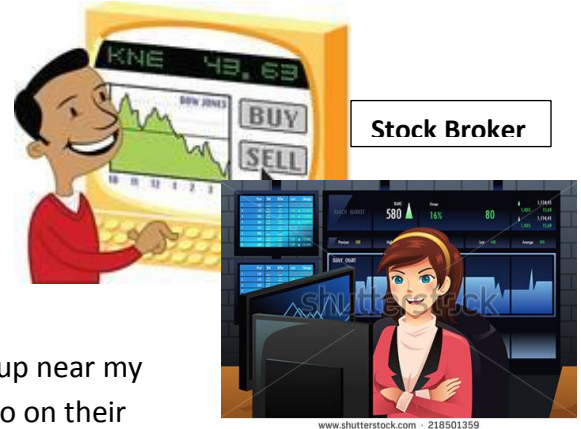


STOCK MARKET: LESSON 4

Objective: to become more familiar with the tools of the SMG website:
Account Holdings
Transaction History (shows what team bought & sold)
Top Holdings (resource-stocks currently doing well)

Materials: Team printouts (portfolio)
Yellow highlighters
Team folders
Printer/printer paper
Colored pencils



Procedure:

1. Note that the *Stock Market Club* bulletin board is up near my classroom. It shows pictures of each team and info on their ranking and account holdings.
2. Have each team login to the Stock Market Game.
3. Have each team click on *PORTFOLIO* and then slide down to *TRANSACTION HISTORY*. This will show them what they have done over the last few weeks. I have a printout for them. Note that the numerals in red with (parentheses) indicate money spent. Under the chart it shows *TOTAL NET AMOUNT* which is money earned and *TOTAL FEES AND COMMISSION* has parentheses indicating amount spent. **Commission** is what you pay the stock broker to execute the trade whether you buy or sell.
4. Have each team click on *PORTFOLIO* and slide down to *ACCOUNT HOLDINGS*. Look at Unrealized Gains/Losses. In parentheses it shows a loss otherwise the numbers show a gain. You will also see a minus sign showing a loss in % (percent loss/gain). Some of the teams are making some good gains. See who has the largest % in gains. A loss is often shown in red. Explain an unrealized loss/gain means no one has *really* lost/gained anything until they actually sell a stock.
5. Finally, go to *TOP HOLDINGS*. There are two pages. You can see what other teams playing the SMG are buying and how those companies are doing. This is another way to do research.
6. Next, trade stocks. Each team **MUST** print and turn in an updated copy of their account holdings page with the circle graph. Go over the circle graph. Basically it shows how much cash in % the team has as well as what % of their portfolio is in stocks. Give each team a marker and have them color it in cash in green and stocks in blue. Do they see any patterns when comparing their pie chart with those of the other teams? Is there a benefit of having cash or stocks as your main type of investment? Explain.